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1. At the Congress of Journalists organized by Genaro Carnero Checa's Federation of Journalists of Peru, which was finally inaugurated on 1 October 1950, Carnero Checa was nominated for the office of President of the Federation but declined the honor. Carnero reportedly declined the nomination, in spite of the desire of his followers for him to continue as President of the Federation, on the basis that he did not want to create a "personalista" policy in the organization.*
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Ernesto More	Secretary General
Juan Francisco Castillo	Secretary of Culture
Maria R. de Carnero Checa	Secretary of Social Assistance (and Carnero's wife)
Julio del Prado.	Secretary of Press and Information

3. The Congress was reportedly attended by delegates from a majority of the departments in Peru. Representing the journalists from the Department of Arequipa was the Communist Luis Nieto, a member of the Arequipa Departmental Committee of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), who carried messages and instructions to the Party's Secretariat from Jorge del Prado and the Arequipa Departmental Committee.
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5. Luis Nieto requested that the Federation take action to bring about the abolition of the Law of Internal Security. Nieto also urged prompt action on salary increases, and better social assistance to all employees in the journalist profession.
6. Gerardo Uzategui reportedly asked the Congress in private session to draft a communique to the government, requesting that amnesty be granted to Eudocio Ravines, Peruvian Communist and prominent journalist now in exile. A letter from Ravines was read to the Committee by Uzategui, indicating that he was presently in Mexico and on the staff of a publication known as Excelsior.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the real reason is that Carnero 25X1X had been informed of the U. S. Embassy's decision to deny him a visa to attend the Inter American Press Conference in New York, and of the official communique about to be released in this connection.

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